

THIRTY-FIFTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, Tuesday, Feb. 28, 1899.
Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
President Pro Tem. Stafford in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following members answering to their names:

Atlee.	Miller.
Burns.	Neal.
Davidson.	Odell.
Dibrell.	Patterson.
Goss.	Potter.
Greer.	Ross.
Grinnan.	Sebastian.
Hanger.	Stafford.
James.	Stone.
Johnson.	Terrell.
Kerr.	Turney.
Lewis.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	Yantis.
McGee.	Yett.

Absent.

Gough. Linn.

Absent—Excused.

Morriss.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Denison.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday.

On motion of Senator Miller, the same was dispensed with.

EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Turney, Senator Dibrell was excused for non-attendance on yesterday on account of important business.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Senator Miller:

Petition of the members of the Evangelical Church of Dallas, praying for the passage of the Yett cocaine-opium bill.

Read, and referred to Committee on Public Health.

By Senator Miller:

Petition of the members of the Swedish M. E. Church of Dallas, praying for the passage of the Yett cocaine-opium bill.

Read, and referred to Committee on Public Health.

By Senator Sebastian:

Petition from citizens of Andrews county, asking that said county be attached to the county of Ector for judicial purposes.

Read, and referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Senator Sebastian:

Petition from citizens of Crane county, asking that said county be attached to Crane county for judicial purposes.

Read, and referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 27, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 77, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the sale of cocaine, opium and other poisons,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

YETT, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 27, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Penitentiaries, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 199, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to confer upon the penitentiary board authority to issue paroles to meritorious convicts, and to make and establish rules and regulations to carry the same into effect,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

STONE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 27, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 166, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 713, of Chapter 11, Title XXI, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and to add Article 713a to said chapter and title of said Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the purposes for which private corporations may be created,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 27, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 59, being a bill to be entitled "An Act permitting any insurance company organized and doing business on the mutual plan under the laws of any State of the United States, insuring against loss or damage resulting from burglary, robbery or any attempt thereof, and also insuring against the loss of money and securities in transportation when shipped by registered mail, to do business in this State,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 27, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 141, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Houston & Texas Central Railroad Company to purchase, own and operate the railroads of the Central Texas and Northwestern Railway Company, the Fort Worth and New Orleans Railway Company, the Lancaster Tap Railroad, the Austin & Northwestern Railroad Company and the Granite Mountain & Marble Falls City Railroad Company, with the franchises and appurtenances of said railroads,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 27, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have carefully examined and compared

Substitute Senate bill No. 46, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 127, Chapter 1, Title V, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, adopted at the Regular Session of the Twenty-fourth Legislature, relating to bribery,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 20, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed

Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 64, being a bill to be entitled "An Act for the better protection of the farmer in the purchase of commercial fertilizers and commercial poisons, and for other purposes,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 22, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 116, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 529, 529e, 529l, Chapter 5, Title XIII, of the Revised Penal Code of the State of Texas, of 1895, and adding thereto Article 529u, and amending Article 529g, 529s, and repealing Subdivision 18, of Article 529g, of Chapter 98, General Laws of the State of Texas of 1897, relating to offenses for the protection of fish, birds and game, and repeal all laws in conflict herewith,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 27, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 206, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize corporations now or hereafter incorporated under the laws of this State, for the purpose of acquiring, owning and operating union passenger depots, to condemn land for the purpose of their incorporation,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

ODELL, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 27, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Stock and Stock-raising, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 202, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5364, Title CXI, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, relating to wool growing interest so as to strike out of the exempt list the counties of Calhoun and Aransas,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the

same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

TURNEY, Chairman.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 28, 1899.

Hon. R. N. Stafford, President pro tem. of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred

Senate Joint Resolution No. 4, same being joint resolution to amend Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding to said article an additional section, to be numbered Section 20,

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

PATTERSON, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 28, 1899.

Hon. R. N. Stafford, President pro tem. of the Senate.

SIR: We, the undersigned members of your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, being unable to agree in the consideration of

Senate Joint Resolution No. 4, same being joint resolution to amend Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding to said article an additional section, to be numbered Section 20,

Beg leave to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do not pass*.

ODELL,
STAFFORD.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 27, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 183, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 3972, 3973, 3973a, 3973b, 3973c, 3974 (1 and 2), 3974a, 3974b, 3974c, 3974d, 3975, 3975a, 3975b, 3975c, 3980, 3980a, Chapter 13, Title LXXXVI, Revised Civil Statutes, 1895, relating to boards of examiners and teachers,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

GOSS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 27, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 188, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to provide a uniform method of electing school trustees in independent districts; defining the duties of such trustees in reference to the election of superintendent of schools, and the control of schools in such independent districts, and repealing Articles 4008, 4018, 4019, 4020 and 4021, of the Revised Civil Statutes, and repealing all other laws, both general and special, in conflict with the provisions of this act, and providing an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

GOSS, Chairman.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Ross:

Senate bill No. 207, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 2534, 2535, 2536, 2537, 2538, 2539, 2540, of Title XLIX, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to actions of forcible entry and detainer."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Lloyd (by request):

Senate bill No. 208, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for service of citations in suits against non-resident owners or proprietors of any sewer system, water works, street railway, cotton compress or any manufacturing establishment, situated within this State, and fixing a lien on the property of said owners in the county of suit, and for judgment and order of sale, and providing that the said owners be required to file power of attorney with clerks, naming agents and authorizing them to accept service, and providing for failure to comply with this act."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Hanger:

Senate bill No. 209, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5060g, of Chapter 1a, of Title CIV, of the Revised Civil Statutes, relating to the regulation of the sale of liquors."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Hanger:

Senate bill No. 210, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3380, of Title

LXVIII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to liquor dealers."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

Call concluded.

HOUSE MESSAGE.

The following message was received from the House:

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 28, 1899.

To Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

I am directed by the House to inform the Senate of the passage of the following bill:

Senate Substitute bill No. 364, "An Act to be entitled 'An Act empowering the Governor of the State of Texas, together with the Commissioner of the General Land Office of said State, to employ four additional clerks to ascertain the amount of public domain in the State of Texas.'"

Also that the House has concurred in the Senate amendments to House bill No. 352.

Respectfully,

LEE J. ROUNTREE,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

REGULAR ORDER.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading, with favorable majority and adverse minority committee reports, to wit:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 1, by Goss, Joint Resolution providing for a convention to frame a Constitution for the State of Texas.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That a convention to frame a new Constitution for the State of Texas, shall assemble at the city of Austin on the first Monday in September, 1899, for the purpose of framing a new Constitution.

Sec. 2. The convention herein provided for shall be composed of ninety-three delegates of the people.

Sec. 3. Such delegates shall be chosen and elected by the qualified electors of the State of Texas, as follows: The qualified electors of each senatorial district shall choose and elect three delegates.

Sec. 4. An election shall be held on the first Monday in August, 1899, for the election of such delegates; such election shall be governed and controlled by the laws now in force in regard to general elections; and at said election each voter, in voting for delegates, shall vote, "for convention" or "against convention," and

the vote of each county, for and against convention, shall be certified to the Secretary of State by the county judge of such county; and if, upon the count of the vote of the people of the State, it be found that a majority have voted for a convention, it shall be the duty of the Governor to issue his proclamation, convening the delegates elected to said convention, in accordance with the provisions of this joint resolution; provided, that if it be found that a majority of the voters at said election have voted "against a convention," then said convention shall not be convened.

Sec. 5. The Governor shall issue his proclamation upon the passage of these resolutions, directing the several officers of this State, empowered by law to conduct, manage and supervise elections, under the laws of Texas, and, as now provided by these resolutions, to hold said elections and make return of the result of the same.

Sec. 6. That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to pay the mileage and per diem of delegates to, and officers of said convention, and the contingent expenses of said body, which may be drawn or paid out in the manner to be provided for by said convention.

COMMITTEE REPORT.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 20, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred

Senate Joint Resolution No. 1, being "A resolution providing for a convention to frame a Constitution for the State of Texas,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

PATTERSON, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 21, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred

Senate Joint Resolution No. 1, being

"A resolution providing for a convention to frame a Constitution for the State of Texas."

We, the undersigned minority of said committee, have had the same under consideration, and report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do not* pass.

STAFFORD,
ODELL,
GOUGH.

The resolution was read, and on motion of Senator Goss, *was laid on the table subject to call*, by the following vote:

Yeas—18.

Atlee.	Lewis.
Burns.	Lloyd.
Davidson.	Potter.
Dibrell.	Ross.
Goss.	Sebastian.
Greer.	Stone.
Grinnan.	Turney.
Hanger.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Yett.

Nays—5.

James.	Stafford.
Miller.	Yantis.
Odell.	

Absent.

Gough.	Linn.
Johnson.	McGee.

Absent—Excused.

Morriss.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 57, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 200, Chapter 2, Title VII, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, adopted at the Regular Session of the Twenty-fourth Legislature, 1895, excepting certain persons from the operation of Article 199."

Bill read second time.

By Senator Hanger:

"Amend by adding in line 26, page 1, after the word 'vehicles' the words 'nor to bath houses.'"

Adopted.

By Senator Dibrell:

"Amend by leaving out all after the word 'articles,' in line 18, down to and including the word 'bitters,' in line 24."

Lost.

By Senator James:

"Amend in line 18 by striking out the words 'and toilet articles,' after the word 'appliances,' in said line."

Lost.

By Senator Hanger:

"Amend by inserting in line 16, on page

1, after the word 'milk' the word 'cigars.'"

Adopted.

By Senator Grinnan:

"Amend by adding after the word 'milk,' in line 16, the word 'chewing gum.'"

Adopted.

Bill as amended ordered engrossed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Atlee.	Miller.
Burns.	Patterson.
Davidson.	Potter.
Goss.	Sebastian.
Greer.	Stone.
Grinnan.	Terrell.
Hanger.	Turney.
James.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Yantis.
Lloyd.	Yett.
McGee.	

Nays—5.

Dibrell.	Ross.
Lewis.	Stafford.
Odell.	

Absent.

Gough.	Linn.
Johnson.	

Absent—Excused.

Morriss.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading,

Substitute Senate bill No. 46, by Committee, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 127, Chapter 1, Title V, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, adopted at the Regular Session of the Twenty-fourth Legislature, relating to bribery."

Bill read third time, and passed.

BILLS SIGNED.

The Chair gave notice of signing and did sign, after their captions had been read,

Senate bill No. 149, A bill to be entitled "An Act to extend the time until the first day of January, 1902, in which the affairs of the Franco-Texan Land Company, a defunct private corporation, may be administered and wound up by the District Court of Parker county, Texas, in cause No. 3305, now pending in said court."

Senate bill No. 134, A bill to be entitled "An Act to abolish the unorganized county of Encinal; to establish the boundaries of Webb county so as to include the territory of said unorganized county; to provide for transfer of funds belonging to said county in the State treasury to the treasury of Webb county,

and for the collection of taxes due from non-residents."

Senator Sebastian called up the motion of Senator McGee to reconsider the vote by which

Senate bill No. 130, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 1 and 2, of Chapter 153, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, entitled 'An Act to prohibit the taking of fish from the fresh water lakes and streams of this State, otherwise than by means of the ordinary hook and line and trot line; and to prohibit the sale or shipping of game fish in this State, and to provide penalties for the violation thereof,' and to exempt the counties of Stephens, Eastland and Palo Pinto from the provisions of said chapter," was passed.

The motion to reconsider prevailed.

Pending action on final passage,

By Senator Patterson:

"Amend by striking out all in line 27, on page 2, after the word 'Zavala,' and all in lines 28 and 29, and the word 'June,' in line 30."

Adopted.

The bill as amended was then passed by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Atlee.	Neal.
Burns.	Odell.
Davidson.	Patterson.
Dibrell.	Potter.
Goss.	Ross.
Greer.	Sebastian.
Grinnan.	Stone.
Hanger.	Terrell.
James.	Turney.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Lewis.	Yantis.
Miller.	Yett.

Nays—1.

Stafford.

Absent.

Gough.	Lloyd.
Johnson.	McGee.
Linn.	

Absent—Excused.

Morriss.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading,

Senate bill No. 52, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Article 3898, of Chapter 7, Revised Statutes, which transfers one per cent. of the permanent school fund to the available fund."

Bill read second time, and

On motion of Senator Turney, was postponed indefinitely. (For the reason that a House bill, the same in substance, had been passed.)

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading.

Senate bill No. 59, A bill to be entitled "An Act permitting any insurance company organized and doing business on the mutual plan, under the laws of any State of the United States, insuring against loss or damage resulting from burglary, robbery, or any attempt thereat, and also insuring against the loss of money and securities in transportation when shipped by registered mail, to do business in the State of Texas."

Bill read third time, and passed.

Senator Yantis moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

(Senator Lewis in the Chair.)

On motion of Senator Turney, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 51, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Article 5031, Revised Statutes of Texas, and Articles 932 and 933, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, and to amend Article 4921, Revised Statutes of Texas, relating to the use of marks and brands of live stock."

Bill read second time.

By Senator Potter:

"Amend by adding to Section 2 the following, 'Provided, that the provisions of this bill shall not apply to cases now pending nor to make legal a registration not legal under the law as it existed at the time the same was so recorded, except to make such registration legal from the date this act goes into effect.'"

Adopted.

The bill as amended was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Turney, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Atlee.	Neal.
Burns.	Odell.
Davidson.	Patterson.
Dibrell.	Potter.
Greer.	Ross.
Grinnan.	Sebastian.
Hanger.	Stafford.
James.	Stone.
Kerr.	Terrell.
Lewis.	Turney.
Lloyd.	Wayland.
McGee.	Yantis.
Miller.	Yett.

Absent.

Goss.	Johnson.
Gough.	Linn.

Absent—Excused.

Morriss.

Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Atlee.	Neal.
Burns.	Odell.
Davidson.	Patterson.
Dibrell.	Potter.
Greer.	Ross.
Grinnan.	Sebastian.
Hanger.	Stafford.
James.	Stone.
Kerr.	Terrell.
Lewis.	Turney.
Lloyd.	Yantis.
McGee.	Yett.
Miller.	

Absent.

Goss.	Linn.
Gough.	Wayland.
Johnson.	

Absent—Excused.

Morriss.

On motion of Senator Atlee, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 159, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 32, Chapter 2, Title 1, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, relating to the duties of county attorneys."

Bill read second time.

By Senator Goss:

"Amend by adding after the word 'attorney,' in line 17, page 1, the words 'if there be a county attorney in such county.'"

Adopted.

Bill as amended ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Atlee, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Atlee.	Neal.
Burns.	Odell.
Davidson.	Patterson.
Dibrell.	Potter.
Goss.	Ross.
Greer.	Sebastian.
Hanger.	Stafford.
James.	Stone.
Kerr.	Turney.
Lewis.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	Yantis.
McGee.	Yett.
Miller.	

Absent.

Gough.	Linn.
Grinnan.	Terrell.
Johnson.	

Absent—Excused.

Morriss.

Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Atlee.	Odell.
Davidson.	Patterson.
Dibrell.	Potter.
Goss.	Ross.
Greer.	Sebastian.
Hanger.	Stafford.
James.	Stone.
Kerr.	Terrell.
Lewis.	Turney.
Lloyd.	Wayland.
McGee.	Yantis.
Miller.	Yett.
Neal.	

Absent.

Burns.	Johnson.
Gough.	Linn.
Grinnan.	

Absent—Excused.

Morriss.

On motion of Senator Stafford, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 193, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company of Texas to purchase, own and operate a railway, extending from a point in or near the town of Tyler, in Smith county, to a point in or near the town of Lufkin, in Angelina county, with its franchises and appurtenances, known as the Tyler Southeastern Railway, and to authorize the Tyler Southeastern Railway Company, and the owners thereof, to sell the same, and to authorize a corresponding increase in the authorized aggregate of the bonds and stock of the St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company of Texas, and to regulate reports of such properties, and the operations thereof."

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Stafford, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Atlee.	Miller.
Burns.	Neal.
Davidson.	Odell.
Dibrell.	Patterson.
Hanger.	Potter.
James.	Ross.
Kerr.	Sebastian.
Lewis.	Stafford.
Lloyd.	Stone.
McGee.	Terrell.

Turney.
Wayland.

Yantis.
Yett.

Absent.

Goss.
Gough.
Greer.

Grinnan.
Johnson.
Linn.

Absent—Excused.

Morriss.

(At request of Senator Stafford, the proper and legal notices of application for this legislation were exhibited in the Senate.)

Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Atlee.

Odell.

Burns.

Patterson.

Davidson.

Potter.

Dibrell.

Ross.

Greer.

Sebastian.

Hanger.

Stafford.

James.

Stone.

Kerr.

Terrell.

Lewis.

Turney.

Lloyd.

Wayland.

McGee.

Yantis.

Miller.

Yett.

Neal.

Absent.

Goss.

Johnson.

Gough.

Linn.

Grinnan.

Absent—Excused.

Morriss.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 75, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5043, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended by act of Twenty-fifth Legislature, so as to exempt certain counties therein named from the provisions of Title CII, Chapter 6, relating to the inspection of hides and animals."

Bill read second time, and on motion of Senator Atlee, was laid on the table subject to call.

Senator Miller called up from the table Senate Joint Resolution No. 1 (providing for a constitutional convention, with favorable majority and adverse minority committee reports), when pending action.

On motion of Senator Greer, the Senate adjourned to 10 a. m. tomorrow.

THIRTY-SIXTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, Wednesday, Mch. 1, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
President Pro Tem. Stafford in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.

Miller.

Burns.

Neal.

Davidson.

Odell.

Dibrell.

Potter.

Goss.

Ross.

Gough.

Sebastian.

Greer.

Stafford.

Grinnan.

Stone.

Hanger.

Terrell.

James.

Turney.

Kerr.

Wayland.

Linn.

Yantis.

Lloyd.

Yett.

McGee.

Absent.

Johnson.

Patterson.

Lewis.

Absent—Excused.

Morriss.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Den-son.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator James, the same was dispensed with.

EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Hanger, Senator Johnson was excused indefinitely on account of important committee duty.

On motion of Senator Turney, Senator Linn was excused for non-attendance on Monday and Tuesday of this week on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Goss, Senator Gough was excused for non-attendance on yesterday on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Miller, Senator Patterson was excused indefinitely on account of important committee duty.

On motion of Senator Gough, Senator Lewis was excused for today on account of important business.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Senator Miller:

Petition of the members of the Haskell Avenue M. E. Church of Dallas, praying for the passage of the Yett cocaine-opium bill.

The petition was read, and referred to Committee on Public Health.

By Senator Sebastian:

Petition from 194 citizens of Scurry county protesting against the passage of what is known as the "Wright" land bill now pending in the House.

Read, and referred to Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.